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REDS POUR THROUGH BREACH

Sungkiang In Shanghai's Inner Defence Menaced HANKOW HEARS GUNFIRE

Shanghai, May 12.
The first major clash on the Shanghai front appeared imminent today as crack Nationalist reinforcements streamed South West to engage Communist General Chen Yi's forces, which, pouring through the Kaping-Kashan breach, are threatening to outflank the central and Northern sectors of the 90-mile arc protecting the outer approaches to China's greatest city.

Canton Will Be Defended

Canton, May 12.
A decision to defend Canton "as Shanghai is being defended" was reached at a Nationalist military conference last night.
Acting President Li Tsung-jen, Premier Ho Ping-chin, General Yu Han-mow, Commander of Canton's Pacification Headquarters, Governor Hsueh Yuch and General Chang Fu-kuei were present at the conference.
Both General Yu Han-mow and Governor Hsueh Yuch recommended recall of crack Nationalist forces from North West China to strengthen the defences of Kwangtung. It was not known, however, if their recommendation was adopted.—Associated Press.

CONSERVATIVES CLAIM GAINS IN ELECTIONS

London, May 12.
Conservatives claimed significant new victories over Labour yesterday in Britain's Week of Local Government Elections.
The elections are for governing Councils in rural and urban areas. Recent voting for County Councils and for Borough Councils in Scotland gave the Conservatives a distinct lead over the ruling Labour Party.
The Conservative Party reported at noon that its candidates had gained 121 seats, 60 of them from Labour candidates, and lost only 11. The Party said that the Labour Party had won 59 seats, but had lost 115.
Five Communist candidates were defeated and no new ones were elected the Conservatives said.
The Labour Party organ, the "Daily Herald," said that Labour won 69 seats and lost 77. It acknowledged that Labour lost control of six Councils while winning one.—Associated Press.

DURBAN FEARS RACIAL RIOTS

Durban, May 12.
Police stood by in Durban today to prevent racial disturbances after Indian buses had been stoned by Africans last night and early today.
Bus windows and a half-mile stretch of road at Cape Manor, an outlying non-European suburb, no one was injured. One man was arrested.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (4 p.m. H.K.T.) an extensive and deepening depression is crossing the Northern part of the sea of Japan. From it a trough extends South and West to a complex low pressure area over Indo-China and West China. Pressure gradients are slight over the China Sea. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—507.0 mm. 212.0 mm. in 48 hours. Average of 88.0 mm. 212.0 mm. in 48 hours.
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Making unusual fast progress up the Shanghai-Hangchow railway, Red units were officially reported this afternoon to be within striking distance of the key inner defence point of Sungkiang, only 20 miles South West of Shanghai.

With highways branching out North West, North East and East, Sungkiang is of considerable strategic value and is regarded by military observers as the last important defence prop along the Hangchow railway before Shanghai.

Its loss, these observers said, would practically mean the end of the battle for Shanghai's approaches, as Red armies by fanning out from the city along several modern motor roads could within a short time lay siege to China's economic nerve centre and cut the retreat route of the Nationalist forces still battling desperately to hold the Shanghai-Nanking railway city of Kunshan and the North Western defence pillar, Taichang.

Today's communiqué said that bitter fighting was raging North of Taichang, in which the Communists, although supported by heavy artillery cover, were suffering heavy casualties.

Air Force Busy

Nationalist air force planes ranged far and wide over the Shanghai area in the past 24 hours in support of the ground forces and among other things sank about 200 Communist vessels set out of 400 plying between the North and South banks of the Yangtze river, in the Kiangling sector, 90 miles North West of Shanghai, destroyed 21 Communist military trucks on the highway around Nanking and took a total of over 1,000 Red troops deployed along the Soochow-Kashan highway, the bulletin added.

Gunfire Heard In Hankow

The Central News said artillery fire could be heard in Hankow, where Red General Lin Piao appears to have started a move against the big Central China Industrial city. Fighting, however, still was in the outer defences.

Dispatches to the "Sin Wan Pao" said Red forces in Kiangling Province far to the South of Shanghai were heading for Linchuan, about 50 miles South East of Nanchang, which appears to indicate an attempt to encircle Nanchang and probably an effort to cut the railroad between Nanchang and Shanghai.

Chiang On A Destroyer?

Canton, May 12.
A Chinese paper here said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, presently aboard a Chinese destroyer off Woosung, had written former Premier Sun Fo, giving "suggestions for solving national problems."—Associated Press.

Chang and all-important Chang-shan.
Chang-shan is on the Canton-Hankow railway, a road the Nationalist Central China Commander, General Pai Chung-hai, will have to defend if he is to keep the line of retreat open.
The Central News said Red guerrillas were active between Linchuan and Changshu. Chang-shu is on the Kan River about 40 miles South of Nanchang.
The Reds swing this force Westward below Nanchang toward Hsien Province, word reached Shanghai in a dispatch to the "Shun Pao" that the regular Chinese army was being ordered to advance on the Kan River.
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Faux-Pas With Flowers



Four-year-old Sandra Wakefield made two attempts at presenting a bouquet to the Queen at the Royal Albert Hall. Here the Queen smiles as Sandra, clutching the flowers, sails straight past her. The second attempt was a complete success.
The Queen with Princess Elizabeth, was attending a performance of "Hilawatha," in aid of the children's medical department of the Battersea (London) Central Mission, where Sandra is a nursery child.—AP Photo.

HK's New Airport To Be At Deep Bay

As forecast in the "China Mail" more than a month ago, Hong Kong's new airport will be constructed at Deep Bay, near the village of Nam She Wat.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that it has been decided in principle to proceed with the proposed construction on the shores of Deep Bay.

The area is about 18 miles (as the crow flies) North East of Kai Tak airfield and less than three miles across the bay from the Chinese frontier.
Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, said yesterday that the proposed airport will provide a safe landing place for aircraft of any size.
Fair compensation will be paid on the assessment of an independent Board of Arbitration for the land to be ultimately taken over for the airport.
New urban villages will have to be built to house at most 600 people who would be displaced from the villages of Ngau Hom, Sha Kong and San Hing. Details will not be known until a survey has been taken, added Mr. Moss. He said that the people who will have to move will be left where they are for as long as possible and will be given new villages chosen by themselves wherever possible.
The people to be displaced will be fully consulted—this will be the first stage of the project, the first principle of which will be to provide a livelihood at least as good as, if not better, than that which the people enjoy at present, said Mr. Moss.
Most important of all, he added, the construction of the new airport will open up new avenues of employment for those of the local people and their families who wish to offer their services.
While it is being constructed and after it is in operation there will be splendid opportunities for a new and better livelihood for which, naturally, suitable candidates from among the people of the district, especially those displaced, will be received preferentially.
A Boon To HK
The new airport will become, it is expected, one of the busiest in East Asia, and will prove a boon both to Hong Kong and to China, marking a great step forward in the communications of the whole area and bringing increased prosperity to the whole Colony in general, and the Yuen Long district of the New Territories in particular.
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PIRATES LOOT SHIP OF VALUABLE CARGO, TAKE SIX HOSTAGES

A daring group of about 50 armed men seized control of the Hong Kong-Canton river motor ship Kong Fat last Tuesday morning near Lin Fa Shan, about 16 miles from Canton, and absconded with about HK\$700,000 worth of valuable cargo and personal effects and six hostages.

This was the third attack by pirates of the Pearl River Delta within six weeks—the first was the mining of the mv. Miss Orient (March 24) and the abortive piracy of the mv. Kwong Fook Cheung (April 16).

The only man wounded aboard the 230-ton-reconverted LST was Mr. Cheng Lum, one of the hostages and an official of the Tai On Shipping Company, which chartered the Kong Fat.

Vernacular Press reports stated that the owner received demands of \$20,000 each from the "Flying Dragon" and the "Pearl River Delta" gangs early this year. Both were disregarded. This report however, could not be confirmed by the local agent, Kwong Sun Hong Shipping Company, yesterday.

The other hostages are Mr. Chan Sal-chol, identified by the local agent yesterday as part owner of the cargo and an official of the Tai On Shipping Company, Mr. Chong Kwong, Mr. Chen Tai-hung, Mr. Fong Chuen, and Mr. Lam Sai-wa.

She is expected to return Hong Kong early next week. The Kong Fat, for which Kwong Sun Hong Shipping Company of Hong Kong is the local agent, is believed to be owned by a retired Nationalist general. Last year, the converted LST was sunk by typhoon in the local harbour and was salvaged and repaired at a cost of about \$70,000.

The Kong Fat, which has been plying between the Colony and Canton for the past two months after being reconverted, left here on May 8 and began her return voyage at 4 p.m. on May 10 with six male cargo owners and three women.

She reached the Lin Fa Shan area at about 4 a.m. on the following day and was travelling at normal speed in heavy visibility when two motor launches flanked her on both sides, the vernacular Press reported.

Gun fire and threatening shouts forced the master, Mr. Chao Kut-chin, to stop. Ten armed men, dressed in black, boarded the vessel, and called for the commander. In the confusion, Mr. Cheng Lum was hit in the chest.

Mr. Lum said he identified himself as the commander and was ordered at pistol point to take the passengers and ship's personnel were herded into the lower hold.

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Charged With Using Forged Notes

A Chinese soldier was brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with being in possession of a quantity of forged \$10 notes and \$1 bills and uttering them.

At the end of the hearing defendant, To Wing-cheng, aged 22, was committed to stand trial at the Supreme Court next month.

Two Cases Of Gold Export

Ta Shou-hsin, aged 24, was fined \$100 by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for exporting 5.2 tins of gold from the Colony without a permit.

The prosecution said that defendant was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station on Wednesday when asked whether he had anything to declare, he said he had.

Defendant said he was going to Canton from Taiwan.

Defendant's gold was ordered to be returned to him.

Earlier, another man who had violated local import and export regulations had his bail of \$200 forfeited when he failed to appear in court.

Chiu Ping-lam, aged 60, was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station on Wednesday for exporting two bars of gold weighing 10 tins.

The gold was ordered to be confiscated.

ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Charges of obtaining money by false pretences on three counts against Charles Henrique Chaves, were amended before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

The new charges were obtaining money by fraud on two counts and obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant was represented by Mr. P. J. G. O'Donnell.

The court ordered that the case be remanded to May 10.

FINED FOR CIGARETTES

Acting on information, R. Douglas Knox raided a hut in Kowloon Tong and arrested Lam Shui-nam, aged 35, found in possession of 20,000 pieces of dutiable cigarettes.

The cigarettes had been thrown out of the incoming train and collected by people waiting along the tracks.

Before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday, defendant was fined \$2,000 or six months' hard labour.

MAY MAKE AIR TRAVEL CHEAPER

Plans are in the making today in Hong Kong to start a second or tourist class air service to provide less expensive travelling facilities for people in the lower income bracket.

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Just Married



Wedding At Union Church

The marriage of Mr. Norman Allick Marchant and Mrs. Eluned Williams nee Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan, took place at the Kowloon Union Church yesterday.

The ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Mr. S. Withers.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. R. A. Edwards, wore a model frock of beige crepe with Quaker cape trimmed with cerise lace. Her pale pink feathered halo was trimmed with pink veiling. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

Mr. Saunders was the Matron of Honour, and the best man was Mr. L. A. H. Easterbrook.

A reception was held at the United Services Recreation Club, following which the newlyweds left for the New Territories where the honeymoon is to be spent.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders by Mr. A. G. Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, follow:

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: May 13, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: May 13, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: May 13, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Saturday 14, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Saturday 14, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Saturday 14, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Sunday 15, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Sunday 15, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Sunday 15, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Monday 16, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Monday 16, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Monday 16, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Tuesday 17, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Tuesday 17, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Tuesday 17, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Wednesday 18, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Wednesday 18, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Wednesday 18, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Thursday 19, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Thursday 19, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Thursday 19, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Friday 20, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Friday 20, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Friday 20, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Saturday 21, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Saturday 21, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Saturday 21, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Sunday 22, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: Sunday 22, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties New Territories: Sunday 22, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Monday 23, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Thursday 26, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties New Territories: Thursday 26, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Friday 27, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties New Territories: Friday 27, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Saturday 28, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Sunday 29, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Monday 30, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties New Territories: Monday 30, 1944. Division: 1.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: Tuesday 31, 1944. Division: 1.

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Ambulance Duties New Territories: Tuesday 31, 1944. Division: 1.

CHARGED WITH LOITERING

Thirty persons were charged at Kowloon yesterday with loitering by obstruction.

The defendants were all arrested at Canton Road near the number two gate of the Kowloon Codown Wharf on April 23.

Eleven defendants who were not legally represented pleaded guilty and were fined from \$20 to \$25.

Fourteen were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam, who pleaded not guilty on his clients' behalf.

During a previous hearing one of the defendants failed to show up in court and his bail of \$250 was ordered to be forfeited.

Meanwhile, the others were all fined.

During the hearing of the case yesterday Mr. Clifford said the question of loitering and obstruction referred to gaming and pastimes. "In this case," Mr. Clifford continued, "my clients were at the scene for some particular business."

According to Inspector E. Franklin, a witness of the prosecution, Superintendent Hailg-Brown, the defendants were among a crowd of about 300 persons who had caused obstruction on Canton Road on April 23, during the arrival of the APL liner President Wilson.

He further gave evidence saying that all defendants were warned twice to disperse but they did not do so and were therefore arrested.

The case was remanded to this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Army Captain Charged

A Chinese army captain was charged at Kowloon yesterday with possessing a .45 calibre automatic pistol (loaded with seven bullets) and 75 rounds of ammunition for the automatic.

Lau Kuei-chung, aged 28, of a Chinese unit stationed in Taiwan, said that he came to the Colony on Wednesday morning.

He was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station the same afternoon, prior to his departure.

Detective Sub-Inspector Hadden said that what defendant should have done was to report to the police on his arrival and to surrender his arms and ammunition to the police who would return them when he left the Colony.

He further said that the Chinese Government has been informed of legal procedure in this type of matter.

The Chinese captain was cautioned and discharged by the court and his arms and ammunition were ordered to be turned over Colonel Liang of the Chinese army at the border.

Last Rites For Mr. K.A. Mason

The funeral of Mr. Kenneth A. Mason, who died on May 11 at 120, The Peak, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

The Very Reverend Dean A.P. Rose conducted the service.

Pall bearers were Messrs P.F. White, J. Flacey, P. Morrison, G. Mills, R. Gordon and D.F. Landale.

The service was attended by a large gathering of friends and business associates.

The late Mr. Mason was 46 years old, and is survived by three daughters, now studying in England, and a sister Mrs. M. Richmond.

Mr. Mason was the head of the insurance Department, Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, and also a well-known sportsman in the Colony.

Admiral Brind Due In Shanghai

Shanghai, May 12: The British consular authorities impatiently awaited the arrival of Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Far Eastern Fleet, for a conference on measures to safeguard British lives and property.

Admiral Brind is coming from Hong Kong aboard HMS Albatross and it is learned that immediately on arrival at Woosung, he will call a conference, probably about the 10,000 ton cruiser Belfast of senior British officials, including his second-in-command, Vice-Admiral A. C. Madden, and the Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Urquhart.

The latter yesterday made a journey to Woosung to see Vice-Admiral Madden.

FOUR WAITERS CHARGED

Four Chinese waiters were brought before Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for alleged demanding money with menaces from Wong Kwok-leung on May 9.

The defendants, Wong Kai-yung, aged 28, Chui Kwok-yung, aged 32, Cheuk Kuen-tai, aged 28, and Lau Siu-ming, aged 23, were also charged with conspiracy to demand money with menaces.

The case was remanded for seven days.

GOLD COINS CONFISCATED

Two overseas Chinese had their bail of \$10 each forfeited when they failed to answer the charge of exporting gold without a permit before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Twelve American gold coins valued at approximately \$2,000 were found on Yee Pon, aged 39, and Chiu Ai-foo, aged 54, at the Wing Lok Wing, Connaught Road West, on Wednesday.

The coins were ordered to be confiscated.

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HK Football Association Emergency Sub-Committee meeting, Lo and Lo office, Alexandra Bldg., 8.30 p.m.

Women's Section Club Morning European YMCA, 10 a.m.

Sino-British Club Brains Trust, Cosmo Club, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

Lawn Bowls matches at CCC, PRC, HKFC, KJCC, KCC, KCC.

First and Second Division soccer matches.

HK Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at the Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry wharf, 2.30 p.m.

Tue H Club, Classical Concert of Recorded Music, Taijoh House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "Can a Christian be a Communist?" by Rev. J. V. Turner, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

MONDAY

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8 p.m.

TWO ROTARIANS INDUCTED

Two new members of the Kowloon Rotary Club were inducted yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the club in the Peninsula Hotel.

They are Squadron Leader A. F. Peterson and J.P. Inglis.

The new Rotarians were both cheered at the conclusion of the short ceremony performed by President Elmer Chu.

Speaker at the luncheon yesterday was Mr. C. S. Ramage of the Royal Observatory.

Mr. Ramage spoke on "New Zealand Life." He traced the history of the country recalling the three phases of settlement, by the warlike Maoris from Tahiti and the surrounding islands, then by the traders and missionaries and finally in 1865 when gold was discovered.

The speaker spoke of the national characteristics of New Zealanders, saying that they are very politically conscious.

"The people are most interested in international affairs," he said. "Any visitor to the country having anything to say about the world outside will always find listeners."

New Zealanders are suspicious of people who are neither Tories nor Socialists. They think that a person must either be one or the other.

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NOTICE THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED

COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS)

ORDINANCE 1947 SECTION 12

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE that:—

The Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members under Section 12(1) of The Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947.

The Statutory Declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being lists of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as Shareholders of the Company) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong. A copy of the Statutory Declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office at Queen's Building, first floor, Victoria, Hong Kong, during ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as Shareholders of the Company are hereby required to notify the Company (if they have not already done so) of their full names and addresses, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN three months from the 2nd day of May, 1949.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Instruments of Transfer in respect thereof (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if this has not already been done. Shareholders who have lost their Share Certificates and have not already notified the Company of their loss and given full particulars of the loss, are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of the lost Certificates and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to other evidence required.

All notifications and communications must be sent to the Company addressed to its Registered Office, first floor, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong.

H. DA LUZ, Secretary.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 5th Floor, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 25th May, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with the statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948; to re-elect Members of the Consulting Committee and to re-appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th May, 1949, to the 25th May, 1949, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. General Managers. Hong Kong, May 11, 1949.

INNESS & RIDDLE (CHINA) LIMITED.

During the absence of Mr. W. L. E. Miller, on leave, Mr. P. N. Jensen will act as Manager of our Hongkong Office.

May 13, 1949.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 20th day of May, 1949, at Noon for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

"That the following shall be substituted for Clause 95 in the Articles of Association of the Company:—

"Each Director of the Company shall be paid out of the funds of the Company remuneration for his services at the rate of \$2,500.00 per annum and such further sums as the Company in General Meeting may from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 28, 1949.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 308, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 19th May, 1949, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will be closed from the 10th May, 1949 to the 18th May, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

CABLE & WIRELESS, LTD.

announce that, from June 1, 1949, the rate for telegrams to China will be increased from HK\$0.40 to HK\$0.54 per full rate word, with corresponding increases in other classes of traffic.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

An emergency meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the office (third floor) Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13th, 1949.

GEORGE T. LLOYD, General Secretary. Hongkong, May 12, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 17/49

Abstracts from the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 10 of 1889 and certain other information for the general guidance of owners, masters and agents, etc. in the licensing, registration and control of launches, ferry vessels, motor boats, junks, lighters and other similar types of craft have now been published and may be obtained from the Marine Licensing Office, Marine Department, Connaught Road, Central.

Price \$5.00.

N. GARLAND, Acting Director of Marine. May 11, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Maximilian Friedrich Otto Fister formerly of No. 3 Conduit Road in the Colony of Hong Kong and lately of 4th P Road No. 2 (formerly 8) Peltah in the Republic of China, Doctor of Medicine, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time of creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 30th day of May, 1949.

DATED the 5th day of May, 1949.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,

Solicitors for the Executrix of the Will of the abovenamed deceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

THE ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY BUREAU LIMITED

Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947

TAKE NOTICE that during the years 1941-1945, the Advertising & Publicity Bureau Limited lost its Memorandum of Association, and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association of the Company under the provisions of Section 9 of the above Ordinance.

Copies of such proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company at Nos. 511-514 Marina House, Victoria, during ordinary working hours.

All persons who wish to raise objections to the proposed New Memorandum, should file with the Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong, a brief statement in writing to such objections, on or before the 7th day of June, 1949.

All persons raising such objections should also file an address for service within the Colony of Hong Kong, with the Registrar of Companies.

C. A. SUTHERTON RUSS & STEWART, Solicitors.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Sixth Race Meeting,

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1949.

There are ten races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at this Meeting. Tickets for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 37113).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stables.

BY ORDER, D. L. PROBERT, Actg. Secretary.

STAR

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon — TODAY ONLY — 2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

From John P. Marquand's Pulitzer Prize Novel.



TOMORROW — Henry Fonda, John Wayne, Shirley Temple, in FORT APACHE

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TOMORROW (One Day Only) Paul MUNI in "COMMANDOS STRIKE AT DAWN"

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Just pick up the things I tell you, dear—now's as good a time as any to cloan out my purse!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

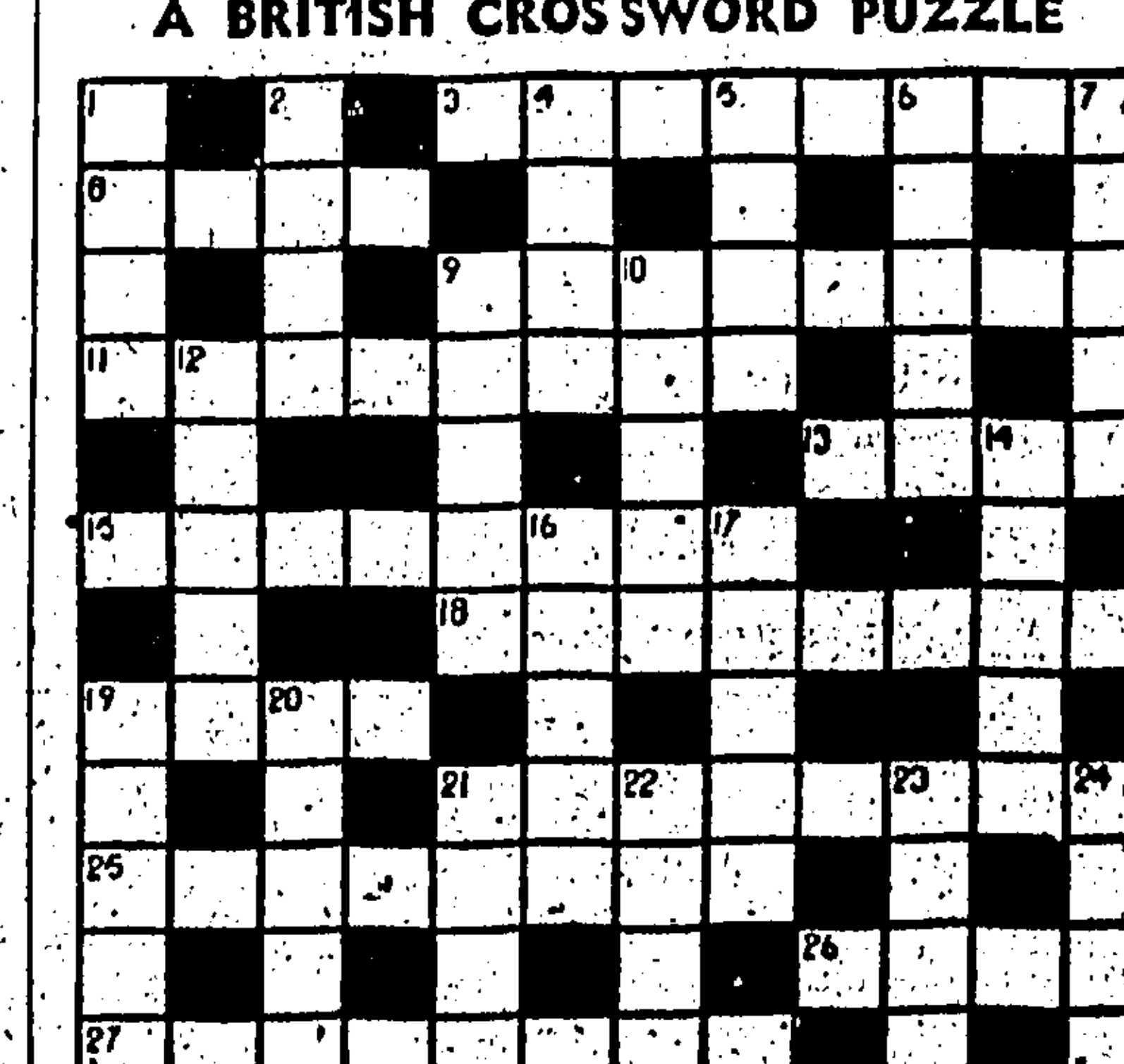
By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

SEVEN NOT A HIGH CARD. WHETHER a card like a four, five, six or seven is a high card or a low card depends upon circumstances. Your partner, trying to give a discouraging signal in a certain suit, may have only the 8-10, in which event the best he can do for a low one is use the 8. In other circumstances, a card as low as the 4 or 5 may be a high one. If you read it as being higher than your partner's lowest. The important question is exactly that—is it his lowest card of the suit, or higher than his lowest?

ing to the K. East noticed West discard the diamond 7 on that trick, so immediately returned his own top diamond. That gave South his contract without difficulty, as he scored two tricks in spades, one in hearts, two in diamonds and four in clubs, to have his nine. When East won a fairly. Into trick with his heart A, he could have set the contract if he had done the right thing upon getting in with his club K at the second trick. Instead of treating the diamond 7 as a high card, he should have known it was a low card, the lowest West could hold in the suit, since East could see he 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. If he had observed that and returned a spade because West did not like diamonds, the contract would have been impossible to make. When East got the lead later with the heart A, his lead of the third spade would have ruined South.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across: 3 Left, 10 Equine, 11 Quiet, 12 Vivacity, 13 Dry, 14 Cessation of hostilities, 15 Fear, 16 Black and blue, 17 Larkwarm, 18 Equine, 19 Under-ago, 20 Servant, 21 Tax, 22 Laid waste, 23 Bundle, 24 Abate, 25 Intrapid, 26 Opine, 27 Sudden, 28 Serious, 29 Arunder, 30 Export, 31 Achieve, 32 Entrance, 33 Merit, 34 Dangle, 35 Blis, 36 Dared, 37 Theme.

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Music by **W.G. FOSTER**

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BROADWAY'S DEVASTATING MUSICAL DELIGHT...
BROUGHT JOYOUSLY TO THE SCREEN!

with **EVE ARDEN • OLGA SAN JUAN • TOM CONWAY**
Screenplay by Mark Wornat and Frank Tashlin. Based on the Musical Play "Music by Rudi Weill"
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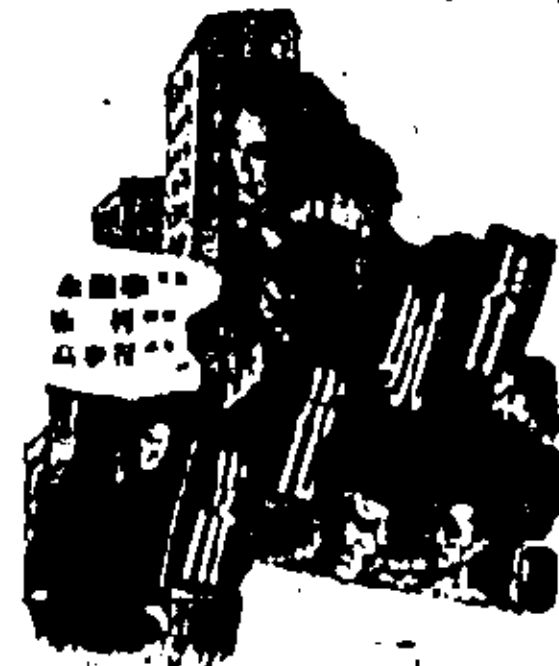
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This One Is Dressed**A Weakness For The Human Male**

Venus has always had a weakness, however fleeting, for the human male. On her little vacations from Olympus she invariably breaks a heart or two, just to keep in practice.

In "One Touch of Venus," coming tomorrow at the Queen's Theatre, she chooses for the scene of her escapade a large department store, and for the medium a statue suitably streamlined to meet modern concepts of beauty, which duly comes to life in the delectable form of Ava Gardner.

The unfortunate males have rather a hectic time of it. Both Robert Walker and Dick Haymes spend most of their time dashing hither and yon, perspiring freely and pulling faces depicting various degrees of anguish.

Everyone puts in a lot of time pulling faces, except Venus, who is the cause of it all. Olga San Juan registers bewilderment, annoyance, exasperation or near hysterics, either alternately or simultaneously, and the poor girl has a pretty thin time until the film winds up in a spate of happy endings.

Even the cynical secretary, (a neat vignette by Eve Arden) finds that a touch of Venus sets the wedding bells ringing.

Venus has a go at everything, from a couple girl-love to the super siren vamping the wealthy store owner, (Tom Conway), and does she go for modern dresses in a big way!

If the producers had been able to make up their minds between slapstick comedy and farce fantasy, they would have avoided an unfortunate tendency to dissolve into bathos at the wrong moments.

Tragic Royal Love Affair Theme Of Queen's Theatre Film

SARABAND FOR DEAD LOVERS

Towards the end of the 17th Century one of the leading problems in European political circles was the question of Hanover's ambitious claim to the succession of the English throne.

The move which did more than anything else to secure recognition of the Hanoverian claim was the marriage, for purely political reasons, of the Elector's son, Prince George-Louis (later George I of England), to the Princess Sophie-Dorothea, a granddaughter of James I.

History has provided some romantic, but many more tragic stories of political marriages, and none more touching than the night and history of Sophie-Dorothea.

Married at the age of 16 to the coarse and brutal George-Louis, who was openly unfaithful to her from the beginning, the young princess lived a life of humiliation and loneliness in the disolute court of Hanover.

Ealing Studio's Technicolor production "Saraband For Dead Lovers," coming to the Queen's Theatre, next week tells the story of Sophie's brief, tragic love affair with the dashing and somewhat unscrupulous Swedish soldier of fortune, Count Philip Konigsmark.

For this indication Konigsmark paid with his life. Under circumstances which were, for generations, a secret of the Royal Family of Hanover, Sophie-Dorothea was forced to renounce her marriage rights and was banished for the rest of her life to the Castle of Ahlden, while efforts to suppress the scandal and obliterate her name from history continued for the next half-century.

Joan Greenwood, who plays Sophie Dorothea, has all the delicate beauty and gentle charm of a Dresden figurine, but scarcely more animation. Stewart Granger, as Konigsmark, is still Granger first and gives a faithful portrayal of a 17th Century version of himself.

Francoise Rosay, a French actress of great distinction, is confined as by a straitjacket in her role of Electress of Hanover, the mother so frozen by ambition and self-denial that she can send her favourite son to his death in the Moroccan desert against the claims of her House and the son she despises.

Flora Robson provides the only piece of real acting with her im-

Parade Of Mix-Ups For The Lee

Take a crowded hotel suite originally reserved for a honeymoon couple, add an assortment of characters ranging from a female Sergeant York to a Wet Wash King, throw in a wretched broadcaster, a female judge, a soybean-to-fuel process and three lovely ex-chorus girls whose marital status is being investigated by the FBI, mix well and you have "The Doughgirls," which opens at the Lee Theatre next week-end.

Into war-crowded Washington, newly married by a phoney Justice of the Peace, come Arthur Halstead (Jack Carson) and his not-too-bright bride, Vivian (Jane Wyman).

When the newly "married" couple take over their suite in the hotel, they are forced to share it with Julian Cadman (John Ridgely) and his wife Edna (Ann Sheridan).

Comes Dissension

Arthur, who is the new aide to Slade (Charles Rogers), Administrator of Inter-Bureau Coordination, and Julian, who is trying to sell a soybean-to-fuel process, get along fine, but dissension appears in the person of Nan (Alexis Smith), the future bride of a flyer, Lieutenant Dillon (Craig Stevens).

The dissension increases when Vivian learns, via a news broadcast, that she is not legally married. At this point—if you are still able to follow the story—Mrs. Sylvia Cadman (the first one, that is) enters the scene and informs Edna (the second Mrs. Cadman that is) that due to a technicality in the divorce papers she (the first one, that is) is still Julian's wife (the poor fellow, that is).

This is as far as we'll take you in our preview of "The Doughgirls." Suffice it to say that from this point onwards things begin to straighten out, with the aid of another three characters (including Eve Arden as a Russian guerrilla fighter) and Allyn Moberly.

A good choice for laughs.

Chinese Film Opens Today

Although intended primarily for Chinese audiences, "Virtue in the Dust," latest production of Yung Hwa Studios in Kowloon, which opens today at the Liberty and Central Theatres, has been provided with explanatory titles in English for the benefit of non-Mandarin-speaking film-goers.

Photographed in modern settings, the film tells of the tragedy

of the life of a country girl in the large cities of Peking and Shanghai, of her seduction by her employer, of the loss of her daughter and of a general train of events which made her days a living hell. How she transcends all these tragedies is the main theme of the film.

AT THE ROXY THEATRE

Loyalty to an underworld code motivates the drama of "Race Street," RKO Radio's vehicle for George Raft, William Bendix and Marilyn Maxwell, now showing at the Roxy Theatre. Raft, in the role of a race track handover, prefers to avenge the murder of an associate in his own way instead of letting the police handle the matter. An Eastern gang of racketeers provide the menace of the story, and Raft's efforts to find their leader and kill him leading to an exciting climax.

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FUNERAL

The funeral ceremony of late
Mr. Sir K. Y. Chan, Consul
for Korea, will take place at
the Hongkong Funeral Home,
216 Wanchai Road, Hong
Kong, at 3 p.m. on May 13th
1949.

TOWN PLANNING

At a time when Hong Kong
is shadowed by the approach-
ing civil war and a certain
amount of irresponsible talk
is heightening the tension, it
is perhaps typically British
that an expert has arrived
from London to inaugurate a
town planning survey. This
reflects, in calm fashion, not
only the Home Government's
intention to retain the Colony
but to improve it out of re-
cognition in the years to come.
This is necessarily a long
term project, and in this con-
nection there has been a most
unfortunate delay in publish-
ing the report made by Sir
Patrick Abercrombie in 1947.
In an exclusive interview with
the "China Mail" yester-
day, the planning expert, Mr.
John W. Dark, urged that any
further delay in implement-
ing the recommendations
would be holding up develop-
ment in the Colony.

There can be no doubt about
this. Businessmen are not
going to invest capital in
schemes which may clash
with plans yet unknown, and
at present there is consider-
able money lying idle because
of uncertainty. Public utilities
such as the electric light and
power companies, too, are
unwilling to institute new
supply schemes until they
know what lines development
will take, what the demand
will be, etc.

One basic element of mod-
ern town planning is the
neighbourhood unit, a vir-
tually self-contained group of
up to 12,000 people, with re-
sidential area, shops and in-
dustry, all conveniently ad-
jacent but separate. Some-
one building a block of flats
today might find it in conflict
with a projected factory area,
or vice versa.

Very properly, Mr. Dark is
full of enthusiasm about the
scheme, and believes that
with its "beautiful scenery,
an interesting and industri-
ous people, nature at its best,
some good buildings, and an
atmosphere of tremendous
vitality," Hong Kong could be
made "into the most beauti-
ful city in the world." After
publication of the Aber-
crombie reports, he says, es-
sential legal powers should
be adopted by government on
the lines of Britain's Town
and Country Planning Act of
1947, these to include control
of development until the plan
is finally approved. Compre-
hensive surveys will then be
made, and statistics, maps and
diagrams compiled, for dis-
cussion by all interested
parties, including the public
at large.

Preparation of the report
will itself take three years,
and in 1952 the Governor
should be ready to hear sug-
gestions or complaints from
competent persons. Even-
tually, the development plan
will be accepted, with the
safeguard that it will be
brought up every five years in
case amendments are neces-
sary.

Even the first signs of the
new Hong Kong will, there-
fore, take years to materialise.
In Britain itself, as early as
the second year of war some
cities started planning for
major re-modelling when
peace came, and the most
badly blitzed centres have
had since 1947 magnificent
brochures portraying the re-
built Plymouth, Coventry etc.

A Story Of
The Parcel

Not long ago an English lady
went to the post office in this
little South China town to send
a food parcel to England.

Of course it was Madame
Lofheira who dealt with the
formalities. I have already told
you something of Madame and
her similarity to one of the
wooden walls of Old England.
On this occasion Madame was
the victor in a single-ship ac-
tion unparalleled since the Shan-
non beat the Chesapeake in 12
minutes.

"I wish to send this food
parcel to England," said the lady.
"Oh Yes? Let me see..." 14½
pounds. Ah... that's 1½ pounds
underweight," said Madame, as
she weighed it.

"But I don't understand," pro-
tested the lady. "How can it
possibly be underweight?"
Madame gushed in her most
helpful manner: "Well you can
send food in parcels weighing
up to 16 pounds. So I think it
would be better if you took
the parcel home and added
another 1½ pounds of groceries
to it."

The dawning realisation that
here was another battle with
Madame made the lady look
suddenly tired.

"Thank you, but I would like
the parcel to go just as it is," she
said with dignity.

"But it will be so much nicer
for your friends to receive 16
pounds of food than to receive
14½ pounds," said Madame.

"If you don't mind, I would
like it to go as it is," repeated
the lady with asperity.

"And I think you should take
it home. So much nicer..."
murmured Madame. "And be-
sides," she added firmly, "the
cost of postage is the same be-
tween 14 and 16 pounds."

"In England..." the lady
began, but stopped as she re-
membered in time that this
ground had already been covered
rather fruitlessly on a previous
occasion.

"Er... well, I have to rush
off now," she said desperately.
"I'll come back this afternoon
when I have more time."

"Of course," said Madame
sweetly.

The lady returned some hours
later.

"I have taken your good ad-
vice Madame," she said con-
descendingly. "The parcel now
weighs 16 pounds."

She laid the parcel on the
counter. Madame eyed it im-
passively. "What did you add
to the parcel?" she enquired dis-
armingly.

"Oh, I just made a small hole
in the cardboard and poured rice
in until the weight was made
up," said the lady, pleased with
her ingenuity.

Madame picked up the parcel
and shook it.

"I am afraid that this cannot
go without being completely re-
packed," she said. The hope
died from the lady's face.

"Why ever not?" she asked.

"It rattles," answered Madame.
"It is forbidden to send parcels
that 'rattle'."—PATRICK STIR-
LING.

The plans have largely had
to remain on paper, due to
more urgent preoccupation of
manpower and materials, but
the first steps have been
taken: new housing schemes,
factory areas, shopping
streets, roadways, parks must
all conform to what the even-
tual structure of the city will
be.

The most congested slum
areas will gradually
appear, to be replaced by airy
flats with gardens and play-
grounds, near to shops,
schools and cinemas. Workers
will not have to travel for
miles to factory or office, these
being conveniently close, per-
haps screened from the re-
sidential quarter by banks of
trees.

It does not need much im-
agination to see this applied
to Hong Kong's festering, in-
credibly overcrowded tenements
and shacks, breeding
ground for tuberculosis and
plague. And Mr. Dark even
has a word of comfort for
landlords, claiming it would
pay financially to redevelop
the blighted areas on modern
lines, as well as avoiding prop-
erty depreciation which is
bound up with slum con-
ditions.

Certainly it will all take
time, and the difficulties are
enormous. But if only all
sections of the community
will come forward with sug-
gestions and constructive
criticisms as soon as these are
requested, it should be pos-
sible to achieve a plan largely
satisfactory to most parties.
Material results are already
being seen in Britain, despite
austerity and war havoc, and
as Mr. Dark said, with Hong
Kong's wealth and abounding
energy, there is no reason
why it cannot be done here.

HOW HARD DO YOU WORK?

By GRAHAM STANFORD

Another "Work or Want" Budget by Sir Stafford
Cripps makes this a vital question today.
Economists of all countries are making a close study
of this thing called productivity; for the first
time it is being seriously tackled on a global
basis.

What, so far, are the facts re-
vealed? Who makes the most,
and with what effort? They say
that in Denmark a bricklayer
lays 1,280 bricks in a working
day; in Belgium 950; and in Brit-
tain 800 to 900.

The American working man
claims that his output is at least
twice as great as that of the Eng-
lishman. Australia says that her
industrial output has risen by
12.5 per cent since before the
war.

Reports from a struggling new
Europe tell of increasing produc-
tion by workers in the basic in-
dustries.

India, too, is now organising
her millions to increase produc-
tion on the land and in the fac-
tories.

Most detailed study of produc-
tivity has been carried out by the
International Labour Office. It
made comparisons of output and
employment in 32 manufacturing
industries in Britain and America.

Analysis showed that the aver-
age worker in America produced
about 2.2 times as much as the
average Englishman, and if al-
lowances were made for the
shorter working week, the output
per man-hour was about 2.8
times as high.

Does that mean that the Ameri-
can actually works twice as hard
as the Englishman in the physical
sense? Not necessarily, for the
amount of machinery used must
be taken in account.

It is generally estimated that
in America the horse-power per
worker (that means the amount
of machinery used) is roughly
double that used in Britain.

Which could quite easily account
for double the amount of output.
But, again, that does not nec-
essarily follow. There are no hard
and fast rules for calculation.

In 13 industries out of 27, the
American used either the same
amount of machinery or even
less. In 14 trades only did the
American use more machinery
than the Englishman—and then
it didn't automatically follow
that output was higher.

Less Machinery

Using much less machinery
than the Americans, Britain's
cement workers produced more.
Yet in the production of tin cans
or glass containers American out-
put is much higher, although the
horse-power used per unit of out-
put is much lower.

American workers are sicker
when they're making radios, mo-
tor-cars, biscuits, soaps, rubber
tyres, and paper. They're slow-
ing down considerably on fish-curing,
cement-making, seed - crushing
and beet sugar-making.

Here is a points score card of
how America leads:

gent need for saving United
States dollars, a stiff ban was put
on imports. It was impossible to
smuggle even a packet of United
States cigarettes.

Wonders didn't like that a
bit. Nor could they get money
easily to go to theatres or other
places of amusement in Detroit.

When the war ended these
restrictions were eased. But, due
to Britain's inability to pay for
Canada's imports, the United
States dollars, we again ran short
of U.S. funds. In the autumn of
1947 a rigid austerity programme
was instituted.

Canadians could get only 150
dollars a year for pleasure travel
in the United States, and
bringing back commodities was
rigidly prohibited. Again it be-
came impossible to smuggle even
a packet of U.S. cigarettes (which
are little more than half the price
of Canadian varieties).

Anyone crossing the border at
any time was liable to be search-
ed. And, there was a "zero hour"
every day, and not at the same
time each day, when everyone
was searched, and thoroughly.

Women inspectors would strip any
woman suspect down to the skin
to make certain nothing was be-
ing hidden. Windmills objected
to this interference with their
smuggling and to the indignity of
such searches.

Now, however, the restrictions
are eased again. If it again pos-
sible to go over to Detroit and
stay 48 hours (actually or the-
oretically) and bring back 100
dollars worth of goods.

The only catch is that no Cana-
dian can get more than 150 dol-
lars in United States funds a
year. If one uses this amount on
one or two trips, that almost
puts an end to this sort of smug-
gling for the rest of the year.

Permits are necessary to get
this United States money out of
a Canadian bank, so there is a
record of how much any person
has taken across the border. These
are still for instructions of the law.

During the war, with a stiff

Industries	Output In Britain	Output In America
Packing materials (glass containers, tin cans)	100	415-423
Durable mass-produced consumption goods (motor-cars, radio sets)	100	310-312
Machinery	100	280
Seed - crushing, rayon sap paper, matches	100	224-225
Food	100	191-195
Iron and steel	100	173-174
Clothing	100	100-104
Textiles	100	153-160
Building ma-	100	113-125

Summing up, America has the
greatest lead in mass-produced
consumption goods where auto-
matic machines play a great part
in ruling output per man is most
marked in manufacturing, but
the top scorer is the American
miner, whose estimated output
is four times more than ours.

But here again it is not a fair
comparison, because their seams
are more easily worked, their
mines more highly mechanised,
The same applies to Canada,
Australia, and New Zealand,
where similar high outputs are
obtained. Mechanisation is going
ahead now, but America has been
leading us for years.

In Britain for instance, there
is one haulage worker for every
five tons; in Holland one worker
every 20-25 tons; in America
one for every 50 tons.

All the Dominions are conduct-
ing their own production drives.
But—as in America—it is mainly
the mass-produced commodities
that soar.

Basic Problem

Professor Douglas Copland,
Vice-Chancellor of the National
University at Canberra, says that
few of the commodities which
had increased in output by more
than 50 per cent, since the out-
break of war could be regarded
as basic. And it's the basic in-
dustries—coal, steel, agriculture—
that will lay the foundations of
the world's new life.

What's the latest in Britain?
According to the first report of
the Committee on Industrial Pro-
ductivity, just published, many
manufacturing firms report an
output increase of 20 per cent.

But the committee sounds the
warning note that coal produc-
tion last year was about 10 per
cent (18.6 million tons) less than
it was in 1938; that Britain
must get back to the pre-war
level.

Wherever you look in the world
today it's roughly the same—the
future lies in the tough, toil-worn
hands of the Boys in the Basic
Industries.

Because the French care for
money is not so much avarice as
a way of hastening the ultimate
aim of any reasonable human,
personal independence; and be-
cause I prefer politicians who
permit a black market and ad-
mit they owe their continued
existence to American dollars to
others who claim exclusive vir-
tue and sole merit for their owl
"planning" genius.

More Appealing

Because a creaking Elysium
is to me infinitely more ap-
pealing than the most exqui-
siteness of a functioning nationalised
system of social security.

Because only in France do they
soar into such rapture at the
sight of men cycling like mad in
a circle for six days and nights
without a break.

And because I find it impossible
to resist the annual national
fever of looking up roads for the
cycling Tour de France.

Because innumerable French-
men have no further ambition
than enough leisure to lie in the
grass instead of directing chro-
mium plated factories hung with
pep signs: "The Impossible is
our Speciality."

Because politicians are only
bearable if like the rest of man-
kind, they are constantly making
mistakes and are therefore in-
cessant trouble, with their cabi-
nets continually collapsing.

Because the notion of personal
well-being in France is not yet
synonymous with blameworthy
civic disinterest, and because a
Frenchman who sits fishing all
day by a stream is regarded as
man fulfilling his highest func-
tion.

Because the French insist that
love, like other important mat-
ters, may be talked about at any
moment as well as made, and
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Code Napoleon gives me legal
right if my wife deserts me to
have her led back to the con-
jugal doorstep between two gen-
darmes.

Because in France the grocery

Paris In
The Spring

They're putting out the extra
green tables for the period-
slippers in front of the Champs-
Elysees cafes.

Men with balloons are doing
sell-out business round the lakes
in the Bois de Boulogne. In the
Left Bank bistros plates of fried
eggs blossom like tufts of prim-
roses.

Spring in Paris. And for un-
other spring this, for Coulter in
live, is the only place in the
world.

Do you demand reasons for my
lotus eating expatriate acceptance
of Paris—instead of, say, Sur-
biton, or Tooting Bec?

At this precise moment I can
think of 21 answers why France
is the one place only in which I
want to live.

Because there must remain
somewhere in the world where
the postman unbuttons his uni-
form, refuses to wear his cap
as a demonstration of his dig-
nity as a human being.

And because in France, al-
though the typist is paid for only
two weeks' holiday a year she
considers herself an ignoble slave
if she doesn't save enough to
drop everything and depart for
the entire month of August.

Because in France the privations
of indisciplined, endless
identity papers and bad railway
stations are consoled by vast
quantities of Bourgeois, Brie and
cheap paperback books.

Because a man can still be poor
in France and indignant at po-
verty being thrust on him as an
intrinsic virtue, and rich with-
out his being universally regard-
ed as a congenial villain.

Because the French have ac-
quired a reputation for cabaret
naughtiness by recruiting English
girls for the Folies expressly for
the purpose of laughing at the
box office rush of English tourists
away from home.

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Good Morning!



Myrtle's father says the
newest foundation garment makes
Myrtle's mother look something
waffle.

Chap I know told me about an
African mime where sections of
the audience rose at intervals
muttering strange incantations.
Late arrivals are a nuisance
everywhere.

A schoolboy defines an island
as a piece of meat surrounded by
gravy. In Taiwan, of course,
there's good deal of gravy in the
meat.

There are three kinds of lies:
lies, wicked lies and statistics.

The felon stood on the gallows
step.
A shameful death to die...
Well, he said, more ill,
It will be more ill
Than I found the old school
tie.

"It has certainly prevented a
number of incidents which,

BLOCKADE IS RAISED

Army Jeep First Car Through The Barrier

RESUMPTION OF TRADE

Berlin, May 11. An American Army jeep was the first car to leave Berlin for the Western Zones when the blockade was lifted at one minute past midnight (local time) tonight. At the same moment, street and domestic lighting went on in Western Berlin.

A report from Helmstedt, on the British-Soviet zonal border, said that a British road convoy, heading for Berlin, passed through the British check-point at six minutes past midnight.

The first jeep out of the city drove through the Western check-point at Hamelin bridge on the South Western outskirts of Berlin and headed down the road for the Soviet check-point 300 yards away. It was a jeep of the United States 16th Infantry.

Police patrols, who still checked cars and pedestrians passing between the Soviet and Western sectors this evening, were withdrawn at midnight. Most of the barriers on the sector boundary were taken down on Wednesday.

A German threw a bunch of flowers into the jeep as it started over the line. It was followed by a second jeep and then by a German Mercedes with an attractive girl at the wheel.

The big Soviet sector power station of Klingenberg began to deliver electric current to the Western sectors a few minutes before midnight. Herr Rudolf Wissel, West Berlin electricity chief, told a reporter, "Everything has gone smoothly," he said.

The stream of vehicles passed quickly through the Russian check post, where the sentries gave their papers only a cursory glance. Colonel Boris Kalinin, Chief of Staff of the Soviet Garrison of Berlin, supervised the operations at the Soviet check post.

As the British road convoy poured through the British and Soviet checkpoints at Helmstedt immediately after midnight to re-open communications with Berlin as the blockade was lifted, German police and British military police linked arms to hold back a crowd of almost 800 on-lookers.

British Train

Still standing in the station as the trucks set out was a British military passenger train, listed as DBA-671, which will be the first Allied train to cross into the Soviet Zone. Its departure was set for 1.23 a.m.

The military train will be followed by a goods train and then by a coal train.

On the British military train at Helmstedt was an interpreter, Jaroslav Sawedczak, aged 21. He was deported from his home in Poland to Germany as a slave labourer in 1942 shortly after his father, a Polish Air Force captain, was shot by Russian soldiers.

Sawedczak, who became an American soldier after immigrating to the United States as a displaced person, expects no trouble from any Russians he may encounter during his duty as an interpreter on the trip. "I can't ever like them because of my father, and if they talk rough, I can talk rough, too."

First Lieutenant Allan Porter, aged 30, with more than 120 air-lift missions to his credit, was on board the train, making his first trip to Berlin on the ground.

"It is funny," he said, "When the train passed a station and I saw a line reading 'Feld' I found myself reaching for a microphone that was not there, ready to let the ground stations

know my plane's position. I still feel safer in the air."

16 A Day

One of the train guards on the American section of the train pointed to his revolver and said: "This is just for decoration and the only time I hope any of us have to take them is to clean them."

In contrast to the heavily-armed guards who manned the last train to Berlin when it was stopped last year, the guards of the train steaming into Berlin when the blockade is lifted will be protected by nothing more lethal than four automatic pistols with a total of 56 rounds.

The train is due in the British sector of Berlin at about 6.30 a.m. Berlin time. Sir Robert Inglis, Chairman of the British Transport group, travelling in his special car, said that he hopes that, within 24 hours, the Helmstedt-Berlin line will again be carrying its daily pre-blockade quota of 8,000 tons to Berlin.

Sir Robert said that it is planned to send an average of 16 freight trains daily over the Helmstedt-Berlin line for the time being. Of these, 10 50-car trains will carry only coal, four will carry fresh potatoes and two will take miscellaneous freights.

As the Russians have agreed to restore the schedule in effect before the blockade, five Allied and one German passenger trains will also operate daily. Instructions for loading transport to Berlin were given last Friday, Sir Robert said.

Hitch Prevented

The pipeline of coal, food and other goods can be expected to flow steadily from now on into Berlin. "We are looking forward to a resumption of trade and the lowering of barriers," he added. "Together with the Russians we can do a lot—apart, only very little."

Earlier—four hours before the Berlin blockade and the counter-blockade were due to end at one minute past midnight (local time)—a hitch was reported. It was stated that the Soviet authorities had demanded that all trains through their zone to Berlin should be drawn by Russian Zone engines.

Complications were averted when Herr Mueller, the station master at the Helmstedt railway station, announced later that all outstanding difficulties over the resumption of rail traffic to Berlin have been overcome, after day-long conversations between East and West Zone railway experts. A time-table has been fixed for trains crossing the zonal border.

Each train crossing the zonal border will have to change locomotives at Russian request, but the Russians have dropped the demand that personnel will also have to be changed. This means that British and American

trains will be pulled into Berlin by Russian Zone locomotives with Western Zone engine drivers and firemen.

British officials in Berlin and Helmstedt refuse to comment on the reports. "The whole matter is a German responsibility and we do not intend to interfere," a British spokesman in Berlin stated.

Airlift Carries On

Meanwhile, the airlift, which is estimated to have cost American and British taxpayers £45 million, still roared on. It is expected to continue until at least 200,000 tons of stocks have been built up.

An official statement tonight from Lieutenant-General John K. Cannon, United States Air Force Commander in Europe, said: "The airlift will continue as at present, until an adequate stockpile is available, and we are certain that surface transportation can meet all the requirements of Western Berlin. Only the future can determine the exact date when the airlift will end."—Reuter.

AIR MAIL TO COMMONWEALTH

London, May 12. The provision of air mail services for second class mail on Commonwealth and Empire routes to India, South Africa and Australia is now being considered, the Earl of Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, told the House of Lords today.

The Postmaster General hoped to extend the services, as and when it becomes possible to cover all the area concerned, by the end of the year, he added.

Better services to Canada, in addition to those available to the British West Indies, were also planned.—Reuter.

ESCOLTA FIRE

Manila, May 11. The Yates store on the Escolta, Manila's leading business thoroughfare, was burned out by a fire of undetermined origin last night, destroying merchandise worth about \$200,000.

The establishment's formidable iron grille prevented the firemen from fighting the flames effectively.—Reuter.

Blockade Teaches Value Of Freedom

New York, May 11. The Mutual Broadcasting System today announced that General Lucius D. Clay, retiring United States Military Governor in Germany, said tonight: "The German people have learned the value of freedom because of the Berlin blockade."

General Clay made the comment in an interview with a commentator at the precise moment the blockade was lifted.

General Clay also said: "The airlift has been expensive. However, it has paid for itself over and over through the advances we have made in military aviation."—United Press.

HONG KONG POLITICAL APATHY

London, May 11. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said today that it is the fault of the people of Hong Kong if they have not acquired the constitutional position they desire.

Answering questions in the House of Commons as to whether the Hong Kong legislature has the confidence of a large and responsible section of the community, Mr. Creech Jones said constitutional changes are constantly under review.

"As in all Colonies, the constitutional position is constantly under review, and where necessary, steps are taken," said the Secretary, adding: "The slowness of constitutional change in Hong Kong arises from the apathy of the general public."

In answer to another question, Mr. Creech Jones said that Chinese repatriates from Malaya are sent to a Chinese port in accordance with international agreement.

"The Hong Kong Government have good reason for not per-

AIRLIFT WAS THE GREATEST EVER

London, May 12. Britain's Air Minister, Arthur Henderson, said yesterday that the Anglo-American airlift carried 1,583,686 tons of supplies in 195,530 flights into Berlin.

In the 318 days since the airlift began, Mr. Henderson told a news conference, British aircraft made 63,612 flights carrying 369,347 tons of freight.

American planes made 131,018 flights carrying 1,214,339 tons of food, fuel and supplies, he said. Mr. Henderson said the figures were until noon on Wednesday.

"The British contribution in flights and tonnage has been approximately a quarter of the total," Mr. Henderson said, "and the U.S. Air Force, with its large Skymaster fleet built during the war, has carried the larger part."

"The RAF, however, has been responsible for the bulk of the ground organisation."

On this last day before the end of the blockade of surface routes, Mr. Henderson said, British planes carried 2,102 tons into Berlin, the best effort to date.

Greatest Ever

Mr. Henderson said the airlift will continue for the time being. Its immediate mission, he said, will be to restore depleted stocks in Berlin.

"The operation has given the RAF invaluable training in instrument flying and instrument approach procedure in all weather conditions," Mr. Henderson said.

"It has been the greatest all-weather flying operation ever undertaken by the Service."

Besides carrying in supplies, Mr. Henderson said, British aircraft carried out of Berlin about 30,000 tons of freight and more than 65,000 passengers.—Associated Press.

mitting their landing and I think I should not interfere with the Government's discretion in this matter."

"If the Government have prevented deported Chinese from Indonesia from landing there that would be a matter within their discretion."—United Press and Reuter.

NAVY'S PLANS FOR STANDARDISATION

London, May 11. The Admiralty aims at the maximum degree of standardisation between the Royal Navy and those of Europe's Western Union countries, the Commonwealth and the United States, Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated today.

He told the House of Lords in a debate on the Royal Navy that a special high level committee and a new division of the Naval Staff is being set up within the Admiralty to promote such standardisation in all its aspects.

Other points he made: The menace of the submarine with a fast underwater speed is a real one.

"We are confident we could develop at any time which might develop at the present time and the plans we have for the future will enable us to cope with any fast submarine which might come into being," he added.

On a suggestion that Russia has 250 new submarines, he said he believes that this is numerically true, but the vast majority are of pre-war design.

The Admiralty is against scrapping Britain's five battle-

ships. "If other nations have battleships, is the Royal Navy to scrap the remaining battleships we have?" he asked.

"I suppose that except for American and, indeed, French battleships, the British battleships are among the most modern in the world," Lord Hall also said.—Reuter.



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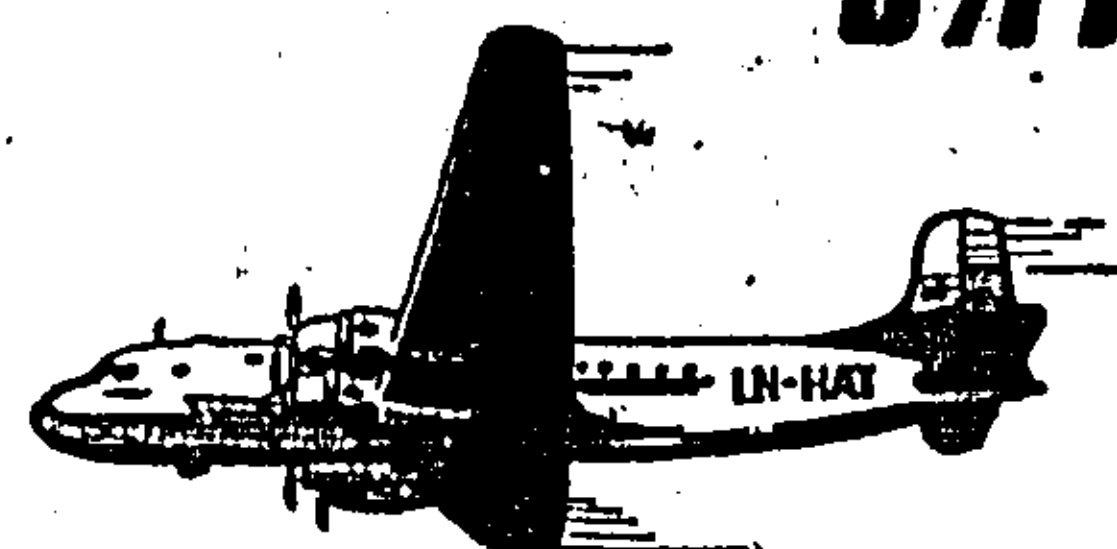
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ANOTHER CAMPAIGN IN THE "COLD WAR"

Washington, May 12.

The ending of the Berlin blockade is counted in Washington as the victorious end of one battle in the cold war and the beginning of a new campaign.

The Secretary of State Mr. Acheson, and his advisers in the State Department are deeply involved in preparations for this new struggle. It is expected to take form at the Paris meeting of the council of Foreign Ministers opening on May 23.

Basically, as President Truman has emphasised, American authorities regard the lifting of the blockade as restoring the conditions which make East-West negotiations over Germany possible.

The Western Powers had laid down that there could be no meeting of Foreign Ministers so long as Russia continued the blockade.

British, American and French officials seem now to believe the blockade will not be re-imposed. They reason it was a failure for the Russians due to the success of the airlift to Berlin and of the counter-blockade which the Western Powers set up between Western Germany and the Soviet zone. Those measures won this round for the West.

But two questions now trouble American policy makers. The first: what are the Russians up to? The second: How can the Western Governments maintain their policy of unity and firmness toward Moscow if the Soviets make increasing use of "peace offensive" tactics?

The answer to the first question about the new turn in Russian diplomacy, as it is symbolised by the ending of the blockade, may emerge in the course of the Paris conference.

It may be shown, in the opinion of informed officials, that the Russians lifted the blockade primarily because it was a losing proposition. The intention in this case would be to insist on a Big Four meeting immediately afterwards because they want to cover their retreat at Berlin and also create a forum for propaganda.

Britain To Lift Arms Embargo

London, May 11.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told Parliament today he hopes the time for raising the embargo on sending arms to Transjordan will no longer be delayed.

He was replying to Mr. Phillips Price, Labour, who asked whether in view of the fact that armistice agreements have been made between Israel and Transjordan, he will consider raising the arms embargo on Transjordan and on any other Arab state that signs an armistice.

Mr. Bevin replied: "It is the desire of the British Government that the arms embargo should be lifted as soon as peace and tranquillity are well established. I have this matter under constant review and I hope the time for raising the embargo will not long be delayed."

The British Government will propose a resumption of arms deliveries to Iraq, Egypt and Transjordan as soon as there is evidence of genuine progress in the informal Lausanne talks between Israel and the Arab states, London observers say.

But it is thought that the final decision on the lifting of the embargo will rest with the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine.

It is thought here that before resuming arms supplies to the Arab States, Britain will ask the Conciliation Commission if it has any objections.—Reuter.

An alternative explanation, however, is put forward by the same authorities. Essentially it is that, in view of the growing strength and solidarity of the West, demonstrated in the Atlantic treaty and the agreement on Western Germany, the Russians want a truce in the cold war.

According to this explanation the Russians may be inclined to accept some East-West agreement on Germany to unify that country and establish a central government. Then instead of trying to gain control of Germany at the international conference, they would try to win control of the government by operating through the Communists and fellow travellers inside Germany.

In this connection, the Russians have several possible propositions which they could put forward at Paris to rebuild their prestige with the German people and political leaders.

They might suggest taking former German lands back from Poland and restoring them to the new German state, withdrawing occupation troops at an early date, and giving up most or all of their claim for £2,500,000,000 worth of German reparations.

Officials say the answer to the second question—can the West maintain its firmness toward Russia?—depends largely on the answer to the first. The question arises because the development of Western power has been the result of Russia's expansionist policy.

British, American and French officials are convinced that a change in Russian tactics, an easing up in the cold war, would not mean a change in the fundamental Russian aim of world domination.

They are also convinced that if this aim is to be kept permanent, in check by the West, Britain, the United States and France must stand together and maintain their guard even while negotiating in a friendly manner.—Associated Press.

Huebner To Take Over In Germany

Washington, May 11.

Lieutenant-General Clarence Huebner will succeed General Lucius Clay on May 15, both as acting U.S. Military Governor in Germany and acting commander of the U.S. armed forces in Europe, the Army announced today.

General Huebner has been General Clay's deputy and Chief of Staff. General Clay is retiring.

A Civil Commissioner will replace the Military Governor in the U.S. occupation administration about July 1.—United Press.

Compromise Plan For Germany

Berlin, May 11.

Dr. Otto Nuschke, the "East" German leader, said today that it should not be difficult to hammer out a compromise between the West German Constitution, which has been just approved at Bonn, and the Eastern one prepared by the German People's Council.

"The Constitution we have worked out will not go into force when approved at the forthcoming People's Congress," he said. "It will be adopted by the Congress, which is to be elected on Saturday and Sunday, as a basis of discussion."

Dr. Nuschke, President of the Communist-sponsored German People's Council, was addressing a press conference here.

"The People's Council will never support a loose federation of separate East and West German States," he said.

"It is ready to support any compromise ensuring German unity except that," he declared.—Reuter.

INVENTORIES

Washington, May 12. Business inventories increased US\$50,000,000 in the U.S. during March, reaching a total of US\$54,500,000,000.

The Commerce Department said when seasonal factors were taken into account it really represented a decline on book values.—Associated Press.

POLICE HUNT FOR BRITON'S KILLERS

Herford, May 11.

Control Commission, military and German police were today hunting for two men wanted for the shooting of Sir John Sheehy, Assistant Financial Adviser to the British Military Governor in Germany, earlier today.

Sir John was shot dead after a struggle with one of the two intruders, who broke into his house at Vlotho, midway between Minden and Herford, in the centre of the British Control Commission headquarters.

German police stated that shortly after 2.00 a.m., Lady Sheehy heard a noise in her husband's room on the second floor. On entering she saw Sir John throw a shoe at a stranger in civilian clothes, who then fired a pistol. Her husband fell dying, the bullet having penetrated his heart.

As Lady Sheehy bent over his body, the intruder rushed from the room. German police said the man entered the house by breaking a window, while an accomplice watched outside. Telephone wires to the house were cut.

Sir John, who was 59 years old, had a long record as a financial expert in Government service. Educated in Ireland at St. Patrick's College, Tuam, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and University College, Galway, he entered the India Civil Service in 1914 and served with it in India and Burma until 1937, except for a period of military duty from 1917 to 1920.

From 1937 he was a senior member of the India Central Board of Revenue and also Additional Secretary to the Government of India in the Finance Department. He was knighted in 1943. He joined the British Control Commission on July 1, 1947, as Director of Public Revenue, and was made Assistant Financial Adviser to the British Military Governor last August 3.—Reuter.

Success On Germany Up To The Russians

Washington, May 12.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that success of the forthcoming Big Four meeting on Germany is up to the Russians. Whether a solution of German problems can be reached at the Paris meeting of Foreign Ministers, he said, depends on the willingness of the Russians.

'RUSSIA IN THE RUHR' PROPOSAL

Paris, May 11.

France will urge Soviet participation in Allied control of the Ruhr coal and steel industries as one of the major concessions to be made to Russia at the forthcoming four-power conference.

The proposal was rejected by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, two years ago when it was put forward by the former French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, at the abortive four-power conference in Moscow in April, 1947.

When Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, British Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, arrives in Paris this week-end, French officials hope to persuade him that Soviet participation in Ruhr control is a price worth paying for major concessions from Russia.

In French diplomatic quarters, it is believed that the Russians attach tremendous importance to having at least an observer on the bodies set up to control the Ruhr industries. They think the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vishinsky, may make some apparently spectacular concession in order to get his foot into the Ruhr.

It is believed here that Russia may be satisfied if a United Nations official of Soviet nationality is associated with the Ruhr Control machinery. The Soviet Army General Staff is said to have told the Kremlin that it must know what goes on in the Ruhr.

One suggestion in Paris is that the present Ruhr Control machinery be replaced by two United Nations Ruhr Steel and Coal Boards, set up by the Economic Commission for Europe. This would automatically bring into the Ruhr a Soviet watchman.

Strong British Opposition is expected to the whole idea of letting the Russians into the Ruhr, but French observers are more hopeful of getting United States support. Observers here

It depends on whether they make or consider proposals which will not retard in any way whatsoever the great progress which the Western powers have made in dealing with German issues. The conference starts on May 23. The United States, Russia, Britain and France will take part.

Mr. Acheson's statement appears to be a virtual declaration of no compromise on any of the basic principles and plans which the Western nations have already laid down for Germany.

The Russians want to go along with those principles and plans, the Paris meeting will be a success but if they do not, the conference will fail.

Mr. Acheson said that any four-power arrangements for unifying and governing Germany must provide adequate guarantees for civil rights and personal freedom for the German people. He said: "Perhaps over a long period of time we can move forward to a solution."

Basic Rights

The Secretary hailed the end of the Berlin blockade as a victory for the pilots who flew the Berlin airlift for the past 10 months with great morale, great discipline and superb courage.

He added that it is the policy of the U.S. to work for a united Germany in which basic civil rights are guaranteed to all Germans.

The Secretary also said the U.S. will not accept any proposal to unify Germany which does not guarantee them basic rights. In his statement, Mr. Acheson praised West German leaders for the successful outcome of their efforts at Bonn in drafting a constitution for the Western-sponsored German Federal republic.

The constitution is being studied in detail and terms of approval will be communicated by the military governors after the necessary review has been completed, he said.—Associated Press and United Press.

They interpret it as a hint that the United States may prove more conciliatory at the four-power conference than the firm tone of the American press has indicated.—Reuter.

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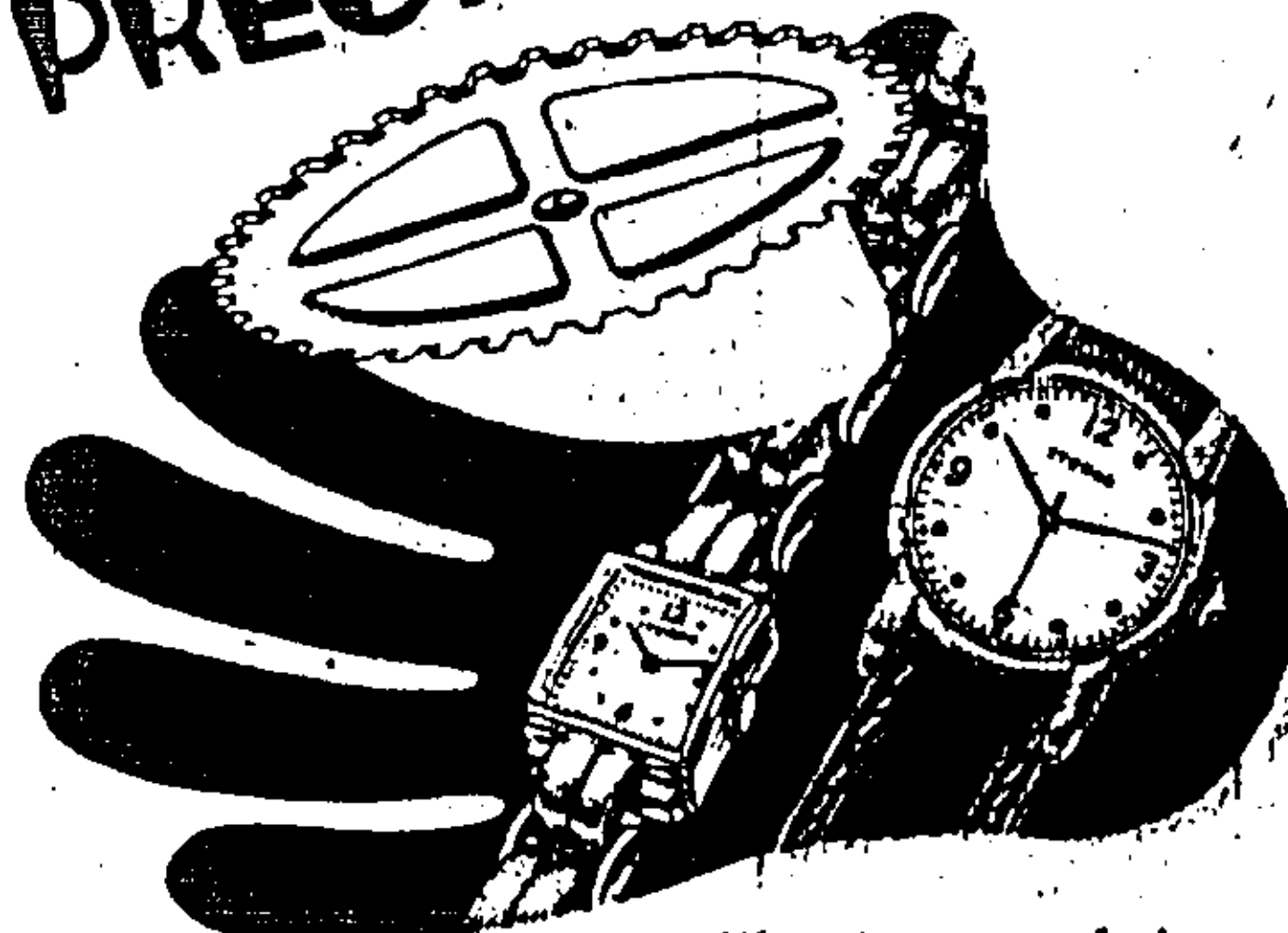
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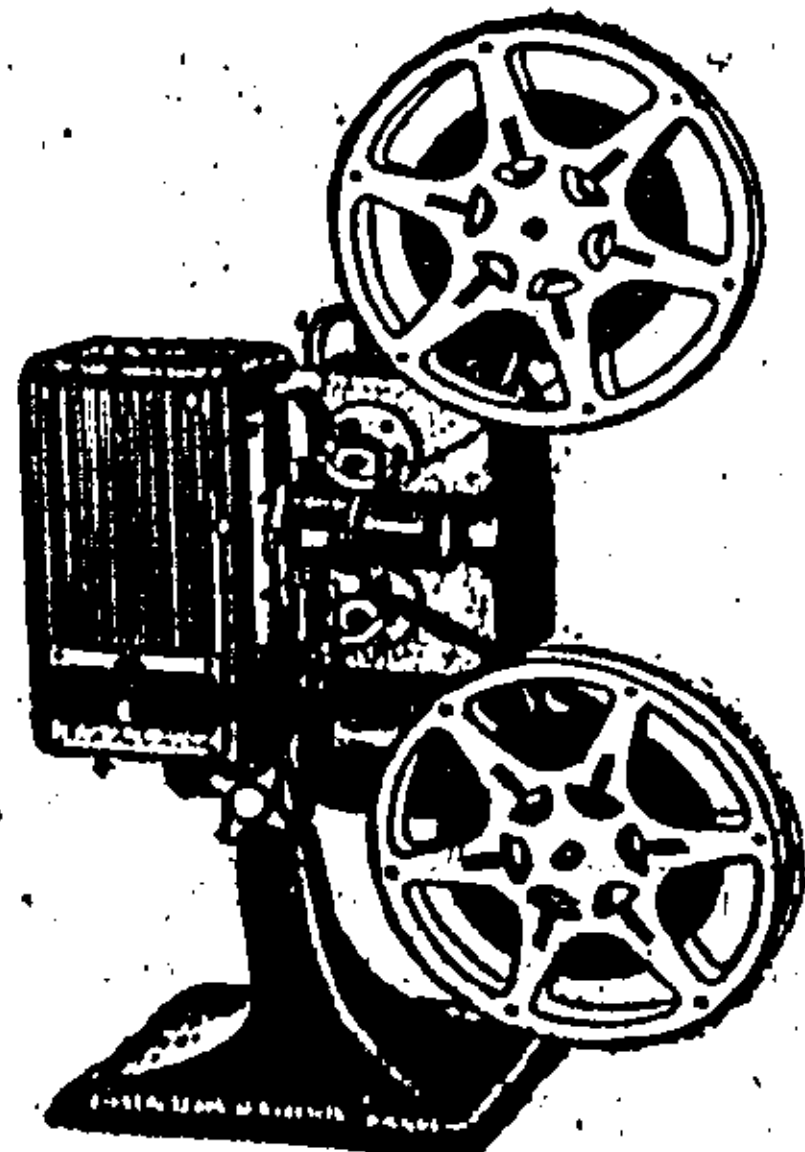


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SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION EXPLAINED BY DR. MALAN

Capetown, May 11.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, was responsible, at the recent Commonwealth conference in London, for adoption of the resolution on the position of the King as head of the Commonwealth. Dr. Malan revealed this today.

The resolution stated that the King's position does not imply a change in the rights of its members, and although he is the head he does not possess any constitutional function as such.

Addressing a crowded House of Assembly, Dr. Malan said that he approached the London discussions on the basis of his policy statement before leaving South Africa—that provided its independence is safeguarded, the South African Government wishes to belong to a circle of sister nations known as the Commonwealth.

Dr. Malan said that in the threatening world situation, India is an important bastion in Asia. As a result of what happened at the conference the Commonwealth remains undamaged, he added.

By allowing India to continue to recognise the Crown as a symbol of free association of members of the Commonwealth, the position of the Crown has been brought up to date, Dr. Malan said.

There should be no suggestion that the Commonwealth is a super-State. Dr. Malan said he had been agreeably surprised by the unanimity at the conference on

Living Organism

"The Commonwealth would have lost India's 350 million and India would have looked elsewhere for friends," the South African Premier added.

The Commonwealth is not an organisation but a living organism. It will not live if it does not possess powers of adaptation. Amid Government and Opposition cheers, the Prime Minister said that if the Commonwealth had been rigid, it would have "gone under".

The two sections of the people in South Africa (meaning the English speaking and Afrikaans speaking Europeans) had never been so close to each other as today.

Japanese Hint On Emigration

Tokyo, May 12.

The Japanese Government is drafting a \$5,000,000 trade promotion programme which it hopes will enable Japan to reach this year's £150,000,000 export goal.

Reliable Japanese sources today said that officials of the Cabinet, the Economic Stabilisation Board, the Finance Ministry, the Board of Trade, and the Exchange Control Commission discussed the plan yesterday.

The final draft will be presented to SCAP for approval. The plan seeks to "improve" the programme with about \$5,000,000, to be appropriated from this year's export receipts.

The points in the programme are:

1.—The establishment of 10 Government trade offices abroad at a total cost of £1,200,000—at San Francisco, New York, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Calcutta, Karachi, Sourabaya, Johannesburg and Buenos Aires.

2.—The receipts accruing from Japan's exports will be turned over to the Japanese Government by SCAP in July.—Reuter.

"Empire No Longer A Family Affair"

New Delhi, May 11.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, said here today that the British Commonwealth has ceased to be more or less a family affair, or a group of countries where all owe allegiance to the King.

"It is just an association of independent countries completely free to do what they like with that association," he told journalists at his first press conference since returning from the recent London Commonwealth Ministers' meeting.

He said the decision to keep India in the Commonwealth gives her certain temporary advantages of co-operation in industry and trade and certain psychological advantages in regard to world peace.

He feels that India may be able to ease the international situation more effectively by remaining in the Commonwealth than otherwise.

Asked whether members of the Commonwealth can join appealing blocs, Mr. Nehru said that if a conflict reaches such lengths, probably the time would come when the Commonwealth would break up.—Reuter.

AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS SPAIN

Washington, May 11.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that it is American policy to try to bring Spain back into the family of Western Europe. He reaffirmed America's intention to abstain from voting in the United Nations on restoring full diplomatic recognition of Spain.

Mr. Acheson told reporters that the question of restoring Spain to the family of Western Europe is a "problem of getting agreement among the Western European family, and for us to take an attitude one way or another would not be conducive to agreement in Europe."

He described as "poppycock" a suggestion that the United States attitude is dictated by the fact that Spain is Roman Catholic. Nor has American trade policy any consideration in policy towards Spain, he said.

What is important is whether or not the United Nations' resolution leads to certain reforms by General Franco which will make relations between Spain and other Governments of Europe practicable, and it has not.

The important thing is what goes on inside Spain and what can be done to bring Spain into the community of free nations of Europe and into their economic and defence activities.

No purpose is served by arguing about the description of "Fascist and dictators" which Spain certainly is.

European governments themselves are opposed to collaboration with Spain.

"Simple fundamental facts are apparent in Spain," Mr. Acheson said. "Fundamental essentials to liberty are the right of habeas corpus, an independent judiciary, the right of trial by jury, religious liberty, the right of Assembly in political, trade union and benevolent activities."

"None of these rights exists in Spain. It is the question of the

NEW VENTURE IN MANCHURIA

San Francisco, May 11.

A State-owned insurance company—the first of its kind in Red-occupied China—has been established in Manchuria, the Communist Peiping Radio reported tonight.

The company has been founded by the State-owned North East Bank, and started business yesterday.

At present its business is limited to fire insurance covering State-owned as well as private properties, the Radio said, but later it will be extended to include railway enterprises and agriculture.

The Radio also reported a growing number of women taking up industrial occupations and in-stanced Port Arthur and Dairen where 24,000 of them are said to be working in both light and heavy industries.—Reuter.

RAPE MURDERER GUILLOTINED

Berlin, May 11.

A motor mechanic, Bernhard Wehmeyer, was guillotined at Tiergarten Prison, in the British sector, today for the rape and murder of a German woman, Eva Kusserow, aged 60.

An application for Wehmeyer's retrial on the ground that capital punishment was abolished last Monday by the Bonn Parliamentary Council had been rejected by the Berlin High Court.—Reuter.

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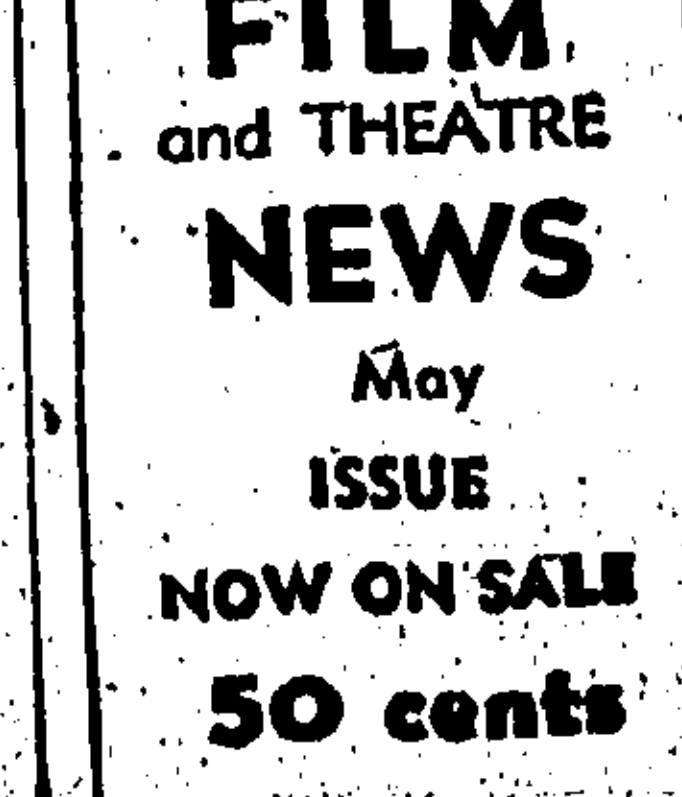
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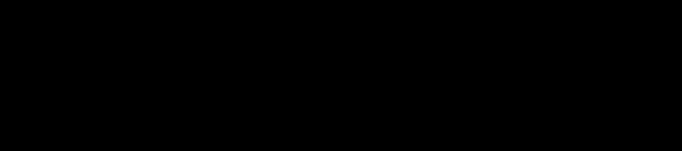
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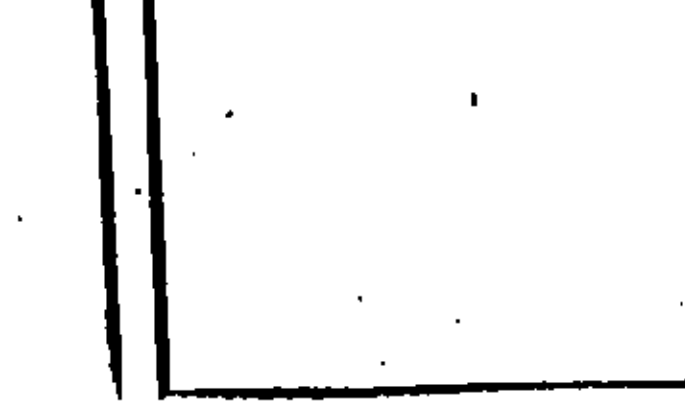
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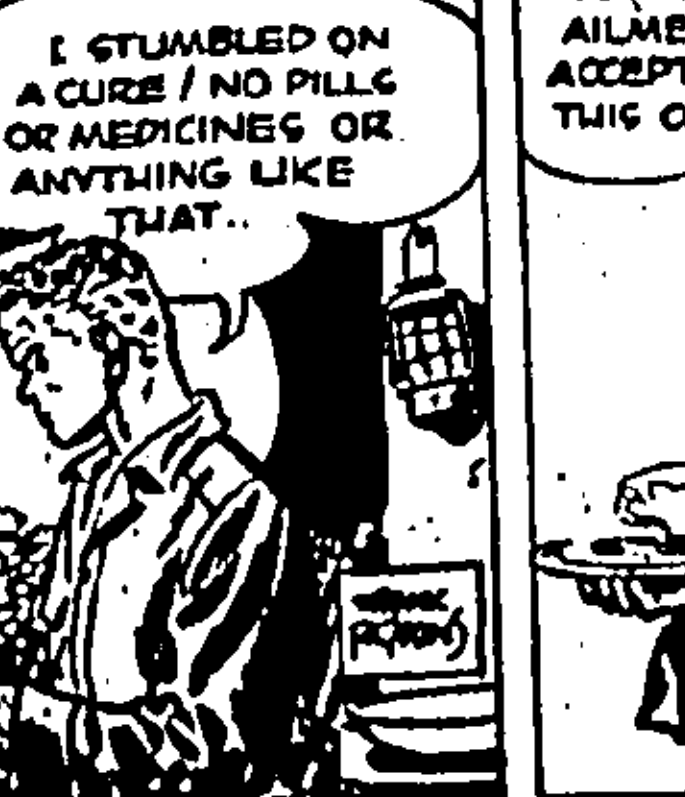
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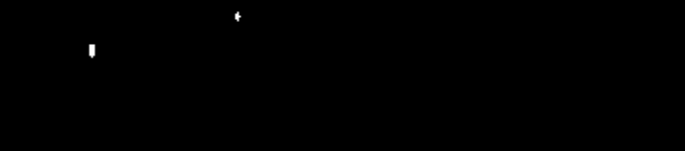
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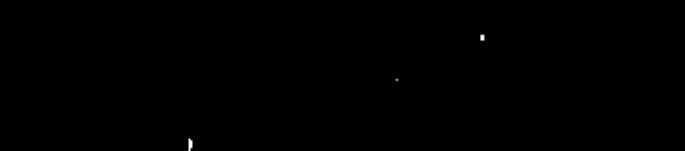
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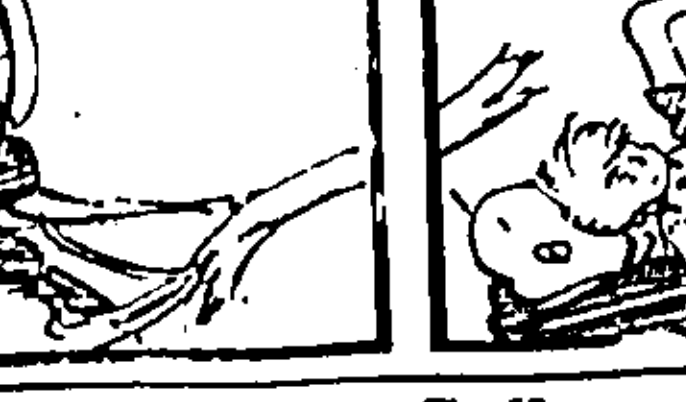
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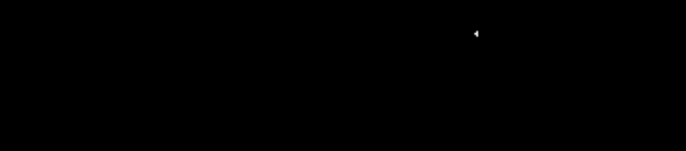
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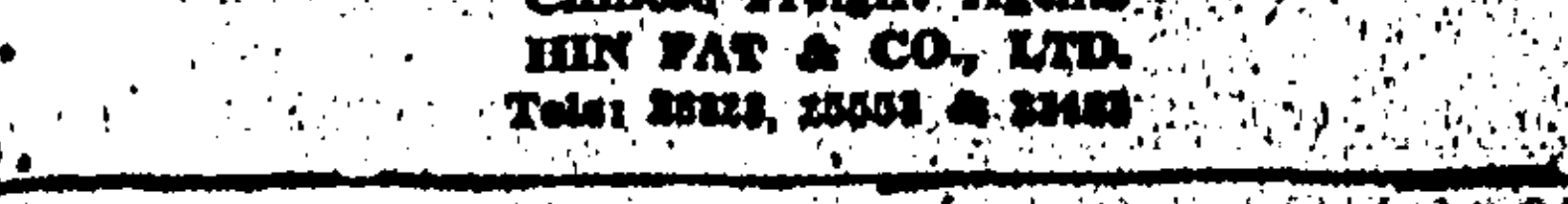
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TRADE EXPERTS FEAR SLUMP IN BRITAIN

London, May 12.

Trade experts express fears that Britain's spectacular recovery drive is sliding into a slump. A sharp drop in British exports during April caused gloomy predictions from industrialists and financial writers that in the months to come the trend will be downward.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The three H.K. Government Loans are in good demand and a quantity has been taken off the market at quoted prices. The market in the market is quietly steady, and a low countera has been marked up.

Exports, key to post-war recovery, fell to £135,000,000, £44,000,000 less than imports—the widest monthly trade gap for a year.

Economists unanimously blame the slump on the high prices of British goods on the world market. The main job ahead, they said, is to reduce prices without cutting the wages of British workers.

Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, left on Tuesday for a selling trip to Canada. Before he left he said: "Our problem is not one of production, but one of selling."

He described the April figures as a turning point and said it is the "beginning of some of the difficulties which every exporter knows we have to face."

Manufacturers in a wide variety of export industries joined his anxiety. Leonard P. Lord, Chairman of the Austin Motor Car Company, which has been trying to make the British Austin a popular car in the United States, said sales there "have simply dried up."

"We are out," he added, "if our prices do not come down." Continued demands for wage increases and the removal of a Government steel subsidy prevent price cutting, he said.

Another motor car maker, Sir Charles Bartlett of Vauxhall, said that unless prices come down something drastic may happen, which will have repercussions far wider than the motor industry.

Import restrictions in buyer nations, particularly Argentina, South Africa and India, have also caused uneasiness.

"Shadow Of The Slump" The influential "Manchester Guardian" commented editorially: "Every one has always known that it would be prices, not production, that set a limit to our exports."

The Communist "Daily Worker" in a front page editorial headed "Shadow Of The Slump," said: "There is every reason for alarm at the sharp fall in British exports in April, for if this trend continues, it means a great increase in unemployment."

Bank Moves To Canton

Shanghai, May 12. The headquarters of the Export and Import Bank will be definitely moved to Canton, the present seat of the Government.

Mr. H. C. Chen, acting chief of the Board, has left for South China to prepare for the transfer of his staff to Canton where the Board will carry on its functions for the promotion of the nation's foreign trade.

The Shanghai office of the Board will continue as usual. Shanghai exports reached a record low recently with the weekly figure coming to US\$750,000.

Shanghai markets remain very quiet with gold bars to the United States dollar moving around the same levels as those prevailing during the past week.

JAPAN'S TRADE WITH CHINA

Tokyo, May 11. The Economic Stabilization Board chief, Takayoshi Aoki, told the House of Councillors today that Japan's trade with China during the 1948-49 business year totalled ¥7,000,000.

The trade amount comprised ¥6,000,000 in imports and ¥1,000,000 in exports, the former representing 3.6 per cent and the latter 1.6 per cent of Japan's total imports and exports respectively.

The statement was made in reply to an interpellation by a Communist Councillor, Nakamichi, who wanted to know the actual trade relations between Japan and China.—United Press.

NY COTTON

New York, May 12. Cotton was irregular, closing 40 lower to five higher. Old crop deliveries were steady on covering against export sales. New crop deliveries sagged under scattered liquidation.

May 33.84, July 32.84, October 29.15, December 28.04 nominal. Moves 28.87 nominal. Middling spot 34.03 nominal.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 12. A flurry of demand for steel shares stiffened the stock market yesterday. An attempted rally failed to hold, but gains of fractions to around a point were fairly well distributed at the close.

Of 907 issues traded, 418 advanced and 280 declined; 700,000 shares were traded. Steel gains of around a half included Inland and Laughlin at 29 3/8, Wheeling at 30 3/4.

Non-ferrous metals found the going tough. Anaconda, Kennecott and American Smelting temporarily touched new lows for the year. Anaconda closed off 1/4 at 27 1/2.

Dow Jones Averages: Stock 62.90; 20 Industrials 174.40; 17 Rails 47.17; 10 Utilities 35.80. Adams Express 19, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 90, American Smelting 43 1/2, American Telephone 14 1/2, American Tobacco 67 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 27 1/2, Aviation Corp. 8, Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2, Barnhill 44 1/2, Bechtel Aviation 30 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 28 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 21 1/2, Borden Co. 4 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J.I. Case 33 1/2, Chrysler 52 1/2, Colgate 35 1/2, Commercial Solvents 15, Com. Products 63 1/2, Du Pont 100, Eastman Kodak 44 1/2, Electric Light & Power 25 1/2, General Electric 37 1/2, General Motors 53, Goodrich 61 1/2, Goodyear 42 1/2, Homestead Mining 41 1/2, International Harvester 24 1/2, International Paper 43 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2, Johns Manville 33 1/2, Kennecott Copper 42, Montgomery Ward 53 1/2, National Distillers 17 1/2, National Lead 36, New York Central 107 1/2, Packard Motors 3 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 15 1/2, Radio Corp. 11 1/2, Remington Rand 5 1/2, Republic Steel 21, Reynolds Tobacco 35 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 35 1/2, Socony Vacuum 10, Southern Pacific 38 1/2, Standard Brands 10 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 61 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 38, Studebaker 19 1/2, Union Bag 24 1/2, Union Carbide 38 1/2, US Rubber 38 1/2, US Steel 71 1/2, US Lines 16 1/2, Westinghouse 22 1/2, Youngtown Steel & Tube 64 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 14 1/2.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, May 12. The steamer General Hugh J. Gaffey arrived on Tuesday from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

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